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SUBJ: FRG-IAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

1. GERMAN PRESS REPORTS THAT NEGOTIATION OF
GERMAN-IRANIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IS ALMOST CONCLUDED.
PRELIMINARY CONTRACTS WITH KWU FOR SUPPLY OF TWO
GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
SIGNED, AND FINAL INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTS WILL BE
SIGNED SOON. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, IRAN
IS NOT AT PRESENT INTERESTED IN PURCHASING "SENSITIVE"
NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM FRG. HOWEVER, SHAH OF IRAN
WANTS AN OPTION FOR PURCHASE OF A REPROCESSING PLANT.
ENRICHED URANIUM WILL BE SUPPLIES (1979"81) FROM EURODIF.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTS IN TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY CONFIRM
THAT NOGOTIATIONS ARE WELL ALONG. THIS NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT WILL BE DRAFTED IN GENERAL TERMS UNDER
THE COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED BY EXISTING
AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-
OPERATION. THE AGREEMENT WILL NTO RPT NOT HAVE AN
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EXPLICIT OPTION FOR SENSITIVE FACILITIES. PRESENT

DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL, HOWEVER, CONTAIN A CLAUSE STATING THAT NO TYPE OF NUCLEAR FACILITY IS EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM. A LIST OF ILLUSTRATIVE, COOPERATIVE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE REPROCESSING FACILITIES (NOTE: ANOTHER CONTACT SAID THAT THE WORD "REPROCESSING" WILL NOT RPT NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE IN THE AGREEMENT).

3. FRG PLANS TO REQUIRE "SUPPLIER INVOLVEMENT", POSSIBLY BY ASKING FOR POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JOINT ENTERPRISES. THESE DETAILS ARE NOT RPT NOT YET FIRM, AND EMBOFFS SENSE THAT SUCH DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH IRANIANS.

4. FRG TENCMIN OFFICIALS REITERATE THEIR VIEW THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ASK IRAN, AN NPT PARTY, TO ACCEPT MORE THAN NPT REQUIREMENTS. TECHMIN REPS ASSERT THAT USG IS BEING KEPT CURRENTLY INFORMED IN WASHINGTON ABOUT OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS. CROWLEY UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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